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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Elkins bill has passed both houses of Congress. —— The House passed the Sundry Civil appropriation bill. —— President Roosevelt has signed the bill providing for a department of commerce. —— The army staff bill is now a law. —— The Indian appropriation bill was considered yesterday by the Senate. —— Commanders of the blockading squadrons off Venezuela have been notified to withdraw their ships. —— One person was killed, two were fatally hurt and others seriously injured in a fire near Pittsburg, Pa. —— All the evidence for the State in the Bishop-Wilson murder trial in Charlotte was concluded yesterday. —— The bubonic plague at Mazatlan, Mex., shows signs of increasing. —— Mr. Carnegie offers through Mr. Bowen to pay Germany's demand upon Venezuela. —— John H. Winder, general manager of the Kanawha and Hocking Coal Co., and Dan Hanna, son of Senator Mark Hanna, are charged with assaulting a member of the Legislature of West Virginia. —— Miss Blanche Boise, a disciple of Mrs. Nation, visited and smashed saloons at Topeka, Kan. —— Ben Adams, who was shot by his brother Percy in Norfolk, Va., Thursday, died last night from the wound. —— New York markets: Money on call steady; cotton quiet at 9.60c; flour was dull and unchanged; wheat—spot firmer, No. 2 red 82½c; corn—spot weak, No. 2 60c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 43½c; rosin—firm; strained common to good $2 20@2 25; spirits turpentine firm at 66½@67c.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 14.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 49 degrees 8 P. M., 50 degrees; maximum, 76 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees; mean, 63 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.38 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 P. M. 16 feet and falling.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—For North Carolina: Rain Sunday and probably Monday; colder Monday in west portion, fresh east to southeast winds.

Port Almanac—February 15.

Sun Rises	6.50 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.40 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 50 M.
High Water at Southport	10.25 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	12.55 P. M.

Russia wants Constantinople. Russia wants lots of China, too. When Russia wants anything she generally goes about getting it in some way.

In reply to Secretary Root's inquiry "what shall we do with the negro?", the Washington *Post* very pertinently and pointedly answers "let him alone."

The Norfolk *Landmark* says: "That venerable theory about the groundhog does not contain even a shadow of truth." That settles it. It does not leave the hog even a dust of ground to stand on.

When the coal famine was on a New York man solved the how-to-keep warm problem by giving the few tons of coal he had in his bin to poor folks and scooting to Florida, where one can keep warm for nothing.

One of the causes of the impending racket in China is the efforts at reform. People who have become accustomed to doing things their our way for several thousand years don't generally like to be reformed too suddenly.

A Massachusetts paper is authority for the statement that during the coal famine "women of respectability were seen dragging away two or three 100-pound bags of coal at a time." Another proof of the vigorous properties of beans as a diet.

The fact that Mrs. C. Vanderbilt held up a train in Florida for an hour is considered of sufficient importance to make a subject of a press dispatch, while there are thousands of women in this country who are experts at holding up trains.

A fellow in Illinois who was in a hurry to get out of that State, succeeded with ten pounds of dynamite, which scattered him all around, shook the country for miles around and kept the coroner busy for two or three hours in finding pieces enough to hold an inquest over.

Commenting upon the spreading of appendicitis a Washington doctor says a good deal of it is imaginary. People read about it, persuade themselves that they have the genuine article and are never satisfied until a knife is run into them. Imagination is the most powerful thing with some people.

SEABOARD WRECK.

Collision Friday Night Near Pembroke, N. C., Under Peculiar Circumstances.

A FIREMAN BADLY HURT.

Engine, After Accomplishing Much Harm, Broke Loose and Sped Up the Track. Story as Told by a Passenger. The Wreck Cleared Up.

Passenger train No. 39 on the Seaboard Air Line, which left Wilmington Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock for Hamlet, in charge of Capt. W. L. Beery, of this city, was in collision with a freight train about one mile beyond Pembroke the same night about 10 o'clock. The fireman on the freight train was badly injured by being pinioned under the demolished tender. None of the crew or passengers on the Wilmington train was injured more than being badly shaken up. Traffic was blocked for several hours and the mixed train due here at 8:20 A. M. and the passenger train due at about noon did not arrive until the afternoon.

Mr. A. F. Pound, of Atlanta, who arrived in Fayetteville yesterday morning, gave the *Observer* the following account of the wreck, which is very interesting:

"I was on the passenger train which was proceeding to Hamlet slowly on account of a disabled engine, when one mile from Pembroke our train was struck by an engine which was running at full speed. This engine had orders to meet us at the station which it had just passed and relieve our disabled engine, but for some reason ran past that station, and came on us at a terrific speed, demolishing our engine, the baggage and express cars. The engine was running backwards; it was its tender that struck our engine. The loose engine, which had evidently been reversed before the collision, then broke away from its demolished tender and ran back towards Maxton, and went dead on a trestle about eight miles from where the wreck occurred. Neither the engineer, fireman or any of the passengers of our train were seriously hurt. The fireman of the loose engine was found pinioned under the tender and was extracted, in a dying condition. The engineer mysteriously disappeared and at 9:30 o'clock this morning had not been found. It is not known whether he was killed or took to the woods in fright.

"The conductor of the passenger, who was standing up, was thrown the entire length of the car, landing on his back. He was badly bruised but not seriously hurt. A rescue train reached the spot at 3:30 o'clock this morning and all the passengers were safely conveyed to Hamlet, a wrecking crew being left to clear the track."

Mr. Pound says he is not personally acquainted with the conductor, but says he deserves great praise for his coolness and the kindness he displayed to those in his care. He says any railroad might be proud to have such a man in its employ. In transferring the passengers the conductor lay down on the ground and made of himself a step by which Mr. Sage, who is a cripple on crutches and was badly shaken up, might descend from the car.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Don't put your overcoat in the camphor chest yet. You'll need it soon.

— The East Wilmington public school has arranged for public exercises on next Friday afternoon.

— Rev. W. N. Flanders, assistant pastor of Tryon Street Baptist church, Charlotte, N. C., will preach at Brooklyn Baptist church to-day.

— General Organizer J. P. Ogletree spoke to a large crowd of woodworkers at the meeting of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union in Pythian Castle Hall last night.

— City Clerk and Treasurer King is on the "war path" for delinquent taxes. The advertised list is being made up and this week he will begin to levy on real and personal property.

— The alarm of fire this morning at 1:15 o'clock from box 43 was on account of a slight blaze which was quickly put out in a shed at the rear of Mr. A. D. Wessell's store, 215 South Front street.

— Instead of Pink teas, why doesn't some one give a Yopon tea. The leaves of yopon were used as a substitute for tea during the civil war, and for decorative purposes the branches, with their lovely berries, would be most attractive.

— Mr. Joseph B. Linder, who has been with his father as clerk and manager for 5½ years has resigned to take a position with the Standard Oil Co., as a shipping clerk. He is succeeded at his father's store by Mr. Hildur Sorensen. The friends of both young men wish them unbounded success.

— The STAR is in receipt of a communication giving an account of a valentine party Friday night which cannot be published for the reason that this paper has an invariable rule that no communications will be published without the name of the writer; "not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
H. L. Vollers—Flour, sugar.
A. David Co.—To our friends.
N. F. Parker—Cheapest furniture.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
G. O. Gaylord—Sale of small things.
Geo. R. French & Sons—It is nice.
Solomon's Shoe Store—Rubber boots

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Roll-top Desk—For sale.
Wanted—Two boarders.
For Sale—Eggs for hatching.
W. E. Cromwell—Lettuce plants.

MADE GHASTLY FIND.

Captain of Brunswick Sharpie Found Badly Decomposed Body in the River.

WAS IDENTIFIED YESTERDAY.

Proved to be That of Isaac Kelland, Drowned Nearly Two Months Ago Up Cape Fear River—Coroner Viewed the Remains.

A ghastly find was made in the river by Capt. J. S. Brown, who was coming up the river in his sharpie Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock from Shallotte, Brunswick county. Floating in the water just below the "Dram Tree," two miles below Wilmington, was the badly decomposed and swollen body of a colored man, yellow in complexion and weighing about 180 pounds. Capt. Brown threw a line around the body and tied it to the wreck of the schooner just below the narrows and upon reaching the city, reported the occurrence to Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner.

Dr. Bell went down the river and viewed the remains, but as the hour was late and no one could be secured to identify them, he returned to the city and completed the investigation yesterday. The body proved to be that of Isaac Kelland, a negro who either jumped or fell overboard from the steamer *Highlander*, about 40 miles up the Cape Fear river, Monday before last Christmas. On the negro's body were found bills for goods purchased in Wilmington from Mr. J. J. Kelly, furniture dealer, Messrs. Croom & Hunt, grocers, and a pint bottle of whiskey, pretty well emptied. By the papers the negro was identified, and his father and mother, Sam and Mary Kelland, who live in Chadbourn's alley, this city, were notified.

His body was in such a badly decomposed state as to prevent its removal to Cronly, near where he resided, and the burial took place on "Sunset Hill," overlooking the river near the spot where he was found.

The negro was not given to drink and the finding of the flask of liquor upon his person was unexpected. He has a wife and four children living near Cronly. He came to Wilmington Monday before Xmas to make some purchases and returning on the boat that night he was seen to fall or jump deliberately from the deck of the steamer into the water. Accounts of the drowning published at the time stated that mysterious circumstances surrounded the affair and these will perhaps now never be cleared up.

WICKED VALENTINE PRACTICE.

Mischievous Youngsters Kept Up Pernicious Practice Last Night.

As usual, at the close of St. Valentine's Day in Wilmington, groups of disorderly youngsters went about the city last night engaging in all sorts of wicked doings, and in some instances acting outrageously. Gates were taken from their hinges in many places, houses were stoned and other senseless conduct indulged in that deserves the most severe punishment should the miscreants be apprehended, as many of them will probably be, from the extra precautions taken against a recurrence of the practice this year by the police.

The most outrageous act that appears to have taken place was the pelting with eggs at the residence of Rev. Edward Wootten, who lives next south of St. James church, on Third street. One of Mr. Wooten's daughters came to the door while the outrage was going on, and she barely missed being struck, the egg going inside the door and damaging carpets and furniture. Mr. Wootten was not at home, but Mrs. Wootten secured the names of the boys in the party and went to the police station, demanding their arrest, which will be accomplished tomorrow.

Afternoon Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

Rev. F. M. Shamburger, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. church, will deliver an address to men at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Shamburger is an eloquent and stirring speaker and always has a message of real value and interest to those who hear him. There was hardly room to accommodate all who went to hear him last Sunday. There will be special music. Messrs. Dushan and Williford will render a duet, written by Dudley Buck. A 15-minute song service will precede the regular address of the afternoon. All men are invited to hear the speaker and participate in the musical programme.

Miss Norma Bonitz Married.

At Goldsboro, N. C. Friday night at 9 o'clock Miss Norma A. Bonitz, daughter of the late Julius A. Bonitz, of this city, was married to Mr. Daniel Moses, a prominent business man of Lynchburg, Va. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi E. N. Calisch, of Richmond. Miss Bonitz was a visiting in Goldsboro from Lynchburg and it was decided to have the wedding there.

— The Greensboro *Telegram*, one of the STAR'S most valued afternoon exchanges, has passed under the sole proprietorship and editorial control of Mr. R. W. Haywood, who has purchased all the interest of his partner, Mr. Perkins, in the paper. Mr. Haywood was formerly of this city and has many friends who will note with pleasure this evidence of his success in the newspaper field.

IS HE A LUNATIC?

Primitive Methods of a Negro Found Yesterday in Federal Point Township.

CAMPS IN THE WOODS.

Sleeps on the Ground and Says He Subsists on Raw Corn—The Authorities After Him to Determine His Sanity—Tells His Story.

The county authorities are very much puzzled over the actions of a strange colored man, who gives his name as Jim Williams, and who was found one night last week by Mr. Ed. Branch, a hunter, in a solitary camp in the woods near the Masonboro road, four and a half miles from Wilmington. Mr. Branch reported his find on Friday to the authorities, and Justice G. W. Bornemann and Constable W. B. Savage went out to investigate at the earliest practicable moment.

They found the camp described by Mr. Branch, and asleep on the hard ground was the solitary occupant, a middle aged man, with whom they talked as to his primitive methods of living. He said that he slept on the ground because he thought it was right to do so. Two large dry goods boxes, turned on their sides, were lying near the camp and in them, the man said he slept when it was raining but upon other occasions he slept on the ground. For food he said he ate raw corn. There was also at the solitary spot, which is a short distance from the road in the wilderness, a bundle of old clothes and a few other appurtenances.

From a view of the desolate place and a talk with its occupant the officers at once made up their minds that the man was a lunatic and so reported to the Clerk of the Superior Court upon their return to the city. The necessary papers were issued to bring the man into safe keeping and last night Constable Savage, Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox and Mr. W. G. Brinkley went out to execute them. After a hazardous trip over the scrubby oaks and through various marshes, they were able to discover the place by night, but the man had gone. Where, the officers are puzzled to know. They found the boxes, the clothes and other things seen at the camp the day before, and also a sack of dry corn, corroborating what the man said he used for food, but no clue to the evidently crazy negro could they secure and were forced to return to the city without accomplishing anything.

Another search for Williams will be made to-day and in the meantime the authorities will continue to speculate as to a correct explanation of the negro's strange conduct.

GOLF TOURNAMENT YESTERDAY.

Tie Between Messrs. Blair and McMillen. Another Contest Next Saturday.

The third event in the handicap tournament for gentlemen on the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club yesterday afternoon resulted in a tie for first place, between Mr. Jno. J. Blair and Mr. Chas. McMillen, each of whom made a net score of 103. Mr. W. A. Dick came second with a score of 122, handicap 18, net 104. The tie between Mr. Blair and Mr. McMillen will be played off this week. The match was for 18 holes and the detailed score was as follows:

J. J. Blair 5, 7, 4, 3, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7—
6, 5, 7, 4, 7, 5, 7, 6, 6—103.

C. M'Millen 6, 5, 8, 4, 7, 4, 6, 8, 8—
5, 5, 6, 5, 7, 5, 7, 7, 5—103.

The following entered the tournament: Messrs. J. J. Blair, Chas. McMillen, W. A. Dick, Burruss Corprew, S. W. Merrell, J. K. Williams, A. S. Williams, Geo. Rountree, Donald MacRae, M. F. H. Gouverneur, T. M. Emerson, R. D. W. Connor, T. A. Baxter and George W. Brunson, Jr.

The contest was witnessed by between 75 and 100 people and much interest was manifested. The first match was won by Mr. Seymour Merrell and the second by Mr. Geo. Rountree. The handsome silver loving cup offered by the club will be presented to the winner of three matchs.

After play yesterday afternoon the ladies served a delightful tea in the pretty club house, which was one of the most pleasant events of its kind this season.

Next Saturday the annual contest for the President's Cup will take place. The match is scheduled each year for Washington's birthday, but as the date falls on Sunday this season, the club has decided upon the day before for the event.

County Seat of Robeson.

On Wednesday, February 18th, a public meeting will be held at Pembroke, Robeson county, to take final action in the matter of forwarding petitions from the county of Robeson to the Legislature asking for a special election to vote on the removal of the county seat from Lumberton to Pembroke. The proposed site of the new county seat is at the junction of the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line, about midway between Lumberton and Maxton.

Jr. O. U. A. M. Delegates.

Messrs. John E. Wood, William J. Bellamy, representatives of Jeff Davis Council; Grand Conductor Walter E. Yopp and Dr. J. D. Webster, representative of George Washington Council, all of this city, will leave Monday to attend the Grand Council, Junior Order, United American Mechanics, which meets Tuesday at High Point, N. C. The meeting this year promises to be largely attended and very important.

PENSION EX-SLAVES.

Those Who Did Service in the Confederate Army to Draw Money for Assistance.

LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

Revenue Bill Introduced as Prepared by Joint Finance Committee—Republican to Point of Personal Privilege—Child Labor Bill.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 14.—Representative MacRae, of Anson, to-day by request introduced in the House a bill to pension ex-slaves and free negroes, who did faithful service in the Confederate army, empowering the county pension boards to put their names on under the same rules that apply to white veterans.

Doughton, of Alleghany, late in today's session introduced in the House the revenue bill prepared by the Joint Finance Committee.

It was made the special order for Wednesday noon and 500 copies were ordered printed.

Other notable bills introduced were:

Davidson, a resolution in memory of the late J. M. L. Curry.

Willis, a resolution concerning the improvement of the Cape Fear river.

Willis, to provide special tax in Bladen.

Woodley, to regulate compensation for sales under deeds of trust.

Dockery, to authorize Hamlet to issue bonds for schools.

Freeman (Republican) rose to a question of personal privilege and read an extract from a newspaper, charging that the Republican caucus had agreed to oppose all temperance legislation, declaring the statement unqualifiedly false. He said he had good reason to believe an employe of the House inspired the article.

In the Senate the bill to abolish the Board of Examiners for State institutions passed its second reading, and went over until Monday on objection for the third. Senator Glenn, who introduced the bill, said he didn't know there was such a board until they issued their abominable report on the colored A. & M. College at Greensboro, doing that institution a very great injustice.

The child labor bill, as reported by the Committee on Manufacturing, was made a special order for next Wednesday.

Among the bills introduced were:

Webb, relating to special proceedings.

Godwin, to raise revenue for Clinton.

Godwin, for the relief of widows of Confederate soldiers.

The resolution in memory of Dr. Curry was adopted by a rising vote.

Further argument of the Watts Whiskey Bill and other proposed temperance legislation was postponed until next Tuesday on account of the absence of a large number of members.

Bill passed providing for the better working of public roads in Columbus county.

A resolution by Willis of Bladen, introduced in the House to-day, urges upon Congress the importance of providing for improving the Cape Fear river from Wilmington to Fayetteville in accordance with plans prepared and recommended by Major E. W. VanCourt Lucas.

Col. J. S. Cunningham, as president of the North Carolina Farmers Protective Association, issued to-day a call for meetings at thirty points in eastern, central and western counties of the tobacco belt to organize branch associations. The dates are Feb. 19th; to March 31st and include Rocky Mount, Feb. 20th; Kinston, March 2th; Wilson, March 3rd; Clinton, March 11th; Newbern, March 13th.

A PRETTY VALENTINE SOIREE.

Miss Cantwell Charmingly Entertained Her Afternoon Dancing Class.

Miss Leonora Cantwell gave a delightful Valentine soiree yesterday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock in Hibernian Hall in honor of her afternoon dancing class.

There were about 20 couples of little folks on the floor and their bright costumes and graceful bearing contributed with the environment of a prettily decorated hall to make the scene a lovely one indeed. Aside from the usual festooning with evergreens the walls were charmingly pictured with red valentine hearts and suspended in the centre of the group of dancers was a large "bleeding heart," from which, at the proper time, the little dancers took hold of cords and at a given signal, drew therefrom pretty little Valentines in many designs.

There were present many spectators, who thoroughly enjoyed with the little folks, the pleasures of the evening.

DEATH OF MR. W. T. HARKER.

Well Known Citizen of Wilmington Passed Away Yesterday—Funeral To-day.

Mr. W. T. Harker, a well known citizen of Wilmington and an ex-Confederate soldier, died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at his home, No. 515 Castle street, aged 53 years, six months and 25 days. He had been in poor health for some time and his death was not entirely unexpected. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him and during the war his fellow-soldiers highly commended him for acts of daring and courage. He leaves to mourn their loss two sons, Messrs. W. T. Harker, Jr., and R. L. Harker, and one daughter, Mrs. D. A. Rowan.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets, and the remains will be interred in Bellevue.

Baptist Church Entertainment.

The ladies of the First Baptist church will give a musical entertainment next Friday evening, Feb. 20th. Some of the best talent of the city will contribute to the evening's enjoyment. The event will be the first of a number of delightful entertainments to be given by the ladies this Spring.

SMALLPOX IS HERE.

Well Developed Case Discovered Last Night at No. 802 MacRae Street.

TO THE PEST HOUSE TO-DAY.

Patient and Nine Contacts Huddled Together in Three-Room House, Awaiting Vaccination and Quarantine. No Fear of an Epidemic.

Last night about 11 o'clock Dr. J. H. W. Mask, the well know colored physician, reported to Dr. C. T. Harper, city superintendent of health, that a suspicious case, resembling smallpox, had just been discovered by him at 802 MacRae street, a colored boarding house, the patient being Lee Ritch, aged about 35 years, who was recently employed on the railroad near Burgaw. Dr. Harper immediately went to investigate with Sergeant of Police Ward. He found the negro with a well developed case in the second day of its eruption, confluent form.

Dr. Harper at once quarantined the house which is kept by Chatham McIntyre and to-day the patient will be sent to the pest house. Policeman C. E. Wood was stationed at the house and nine persons who live there will be held as contacts. The names other than those mentioned are as follows: Ida McIntyre, Riley Johnson, Peter Brown, Tom Durham, John Thomas, Richard Rogers and Plum Pye. The negroes will all be vaccinated and sent with the patient to the pest house.

Dr. Harper says he thinks he will be able to keep the disease within its present bounds and does not fear an epidemic. There is no cause for alarm.

The negroes found last night were huddled together in a three room house. Those who were absent when Dr. Harper came upon the scene, were allowed to re-enter the house, if they said they lived there, but once on the inside they were acquainted with the situation and told that they could not come out. By this clever bit of justifiable deception, it is believed that nearly if not quite all of the "contacts" have been secured.

MABEL PAIGE ALL NEXT WEEK.

Coming of Popular Actress and Clever Company Presenting Repertoire.

The usual gigantic Mabel Paige audience will be at the Academy to-morrow night to greet this popular and charming actress upon the opening night of her return engagement. The bill will be "A Mountain Waif," and will be given a really magnificent production, as for its presentation the company carries almost a car load of scenery. It will be a repetition (the only one of the week), made at the request of scores of theatre-goers, who saw the piece last time and who pronounced it the very best popular priced production ever made in Wilmington. The play is of an exceedingly pleasing character and gives Miss Paige ample opportunity to display her marked ability. It also is quite a "dressy" piece, as it affords the ladies of the company a chance to wear beautiful gowns.

A number of specialties will be introduced between acts and all will be new and up-to-date. Both Miss Paige and the well liked comedian, Mr. Depew, will have something new and clever, while the musical Holt will "dish up" a catchy and crisp act, and last, but by no means least, the Great Martynne will introduce his magnificent spectacular dances. Seats for the peformance are on sale at Plummer's.

HANDSOME PASSENGER STEAMER.

Quaker City Here, on Her Way to Florida, for Coal and Supplies.

The handsome inland passenger steamer *Quaker City*, Capt. J. R. Hattrick, bound from Philadelphia to Miami, Fla., under a few months' charter with privilege to purchase, arrived in port yesterday morning for coal and supplies, and proceeded in the afternoon. The *Quaker City* is owned at Wilmington, Del., and will be used between Miami and Key West, Fla. She is about fifty per cent. larger than the *Wilmington*, of this port, and was built in Philadelphia in 1901. Her gross tonnage is 469, net 318. She has steel hull; a length of 155½ feet, 32 feet breadth, 7½ feet depth and a speed of 15 knots. Her hull is steel and she carries a crew of 14 men. Her indicated horse power is 1,000, and in other respects she is a model excursion boat for 950 people.

The *Quaker City* has been making her way quietly down the coast, picking good weather, and will doubtless reach her destination next week.

A WORD TO THE WISE

THE MORNING STAR Business Locals Column offers the best, cheapest and surest means of getting quick returns on advertisements for—

Help Wanted,
Situations Wanted,
Boarders Wanted,
Rooms For Rent,
Houses For Rent,
Houses For Sale,
Property For Sale,
Lost, Found,
Strayed, Stolen,
Etc., Etc., Etc.

One cent per word each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 30 cents.
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The Cheapest Furniture Store in North Carolina.

A title proved by four years ever increasing business with an endless chain of satisfied customers.

Special sale for the week.

$14.50	Sideboard	for	$12.50	$40 00	Sideboards	for	$37.50
15.00	"	"	13.50	50.00	"	"	40.00
18-50	"	"	15.50	60.00	"	"	55.00
22.50	"	"	21.00	40.00	Buffett	"	37.50
25.00	"	"	22.50	50.00	"	"	45.00

In quartered Golden Oak and genuine Mahogany. As the spot cash price is marked in plain figures on all my goods you can see that these special prices are not "catches" but genuine reductions.

Liberal terms to the right people—Goods hauled, packed, shipped and stored by competent workmen at moderate prices. Special department for Upholstering, Repairing, Mattress Making and Renovating. Half Mattresses picked and cleaned by machinery.

N. F. PARKER,

Furniture and Furniture Novelties, 111 Market Street.

Bell 'Phone 613. feb 15 tf Inter-State 421

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. Walter Williamson returned yesterday from a business trip to Fayetteville.

— Mr. James Duffy, of Dubuque, Iowa, is in the city on a visit to his brother, Maj. P. F. Duffy.

— Maj. Gen. W. L. London and wife, of Pittsboro, are visiting the family of Col. T. C. James.

— Mr. Morgan B. Spier, district superintendent of the Bell Telephone Co., arrived from Charlotte yesterday.

— Mr. Louis L. Wolfe, of Pittsburg, Pa., representing the Edward P. Remington newspaper advertising agency, is travelling through North Carolina on a combined pleasure and business visit, and favored the STAR office with a very pleasant visit last evening.

Not Guilty of Assault.

Primus Johnson, colored, was arraigned in Justice Fowler's court yesterday, charged with an aggravated case of an assault with a deadly weapon upon a small colored boy, but was found not guilty and discharged. Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for the prosecution and William J. Bellamy and Walter P. Gafford, Esqs., conducted the defence.

Real Estate Transfers.

By deeds filed for record yesterday Marinda A. Piner, W. R. Bell and wife et al. transferred to William Amos Piner for $100 tract of land on Pages' Creek in Harnett township, and Stokely Everet and wife to Margaret Ann Willis for $25, two acres of land in Harnett township.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—The regular convocation will be held Monday evening, 8 o'clock.

W. A. MARTIN,
feb 15 1t Secretary.

Attention Carolina Yacht Club.

The annual meeting of this club will be held Monday, February 16th, at the New Hanover county court room at 8:15 o'clock P. M.

Important election of officers.

H. R. SAVAGE,
feb 11 2t we su Purser.

Bids Wanted

To operate the City Quary and furnish the City with 5,000 tons Crushed Rock. Bids will be opened at the City Hall on Tuesday, February 24th, at 12 o'clock (noon). Specifications will be furnished on application to

E. F. JOHNSON,
Chairman Streets and Wharves Committee.
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Bids Wanted

To furnish the City with 200 Shade Trees. Bids will be opened at 12 o'clock (noon), on Tuesday, February 24th. Specifications will be furnished on application to

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New Plays, New Specialties
Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents.
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All early varieties and adapted to this soil and climate.

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$24,000 LBS. SNOW DRIFT LARD

Just arrived.

All sizes from 3 pound tins to tierces. Best Lard on the market. Send your orders to

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308, 310 and 312 Nutt Street,
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TO OUR FRIENDS!

On account of damage to stock and building by the recent fire, our store will be closed until further notice. In the meantime we may be found in the building of the Atlantic Trust and Banking Company.

THE A. DAVID CO.
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Fresh Goods.

Just arrived per steamer to-day:

Maple Sugar and Cream (in cans). Tournades Kitchen Bouquet, a delightful flavoring for Soups, Gravies, &c.

Grains—Truffles (extra peeled); Codfish Waffles, Pickled Salmon, Kippered Salmon, Smoked Halibut, fat broilers.

The above with a full line of Imported Cheese. Just arrived this day.

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No. 15 South Front street.
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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 15.

THE NEGRO NORTH AND SOUTH.

A "prominent Republican Senator"—name not given—is quoted as recently saying that he was "surprised at the growth of the anti-negro sentiment in the North, and could not account for it." If he thought over it for a little while he would cease to be surprised and would find little difficulty in accounting for it.

For years the negro agitation was kept up in the North by the Republican party leaders, and hair-lifting stories were told and published broadcast about the "barbarous treatment" of the negro by Southern Democrats. They heard so much of this, it was so often reiterated with imbellishments of fancy that the impression was created that the principal amusement of Southern Democrats was gunning for negroes, and that it was a good deal easier on any morning, when the weather was not too disagreeable for hunting, to find dead "niggers" than live ones. They heard only one side of the story; if they were disposed to listen to more than one side, and if they happened to see a contradiction many of them concluded that the contradiction was a lie.

But time has brought a change. Fair papers of the North, independent in politics, have been telling the other side of the story, even some of the Republican papers have shown a disposition to be honest and truthful, the thousands of Northern and Western people who have settled in the South have done much to enlighten the friends in the sections they came from, and intelligent, observant and honest Northern so-journers, in public and private life, have also done much towards this enlightenment. And in addition to all this the closer contact into which many of the Northern people have come with the negro since so many of the have gone North and located in the cities has done even more, perhaps, in the way of lifting the infatuation for the "ward of the nation."

We see evidences of this in a number of Northern cities where the color line is drawn even tighter than it is in the South, an illustration of which we present in the following, clipped from the Philadelphia *Ledger*:

"Sir—I am a colored man, a mechanic by trade. There is nothing in the line of a house in wood that I cannot make. I can build all the stairs, windows, make the sashes, blinds and doors. I can build a house from the ground up and turn the keys over to the owner completed. I can draw the plans, make the blue prints, make the speculations, and give estimates. Yet I am debarred from employment on account of my color. The prejudice in this city is strong against me, much stronger than in the place I came from. No one wants me because I am a colored man. Why is this? I am thirty-seven years old. I drew the plans of the colored church on Tasker street, above Twentieth. My name is on the corner stone. I built the State Colored College of Orangeburg, S. C., and I have built cottages in Orangeburg and for the mayor of Beaufort, S. C., but still I am debarred from employment in Philadelphia.

"SAMUEL H. BLYTHEWOOD."

Philadelphia is "the city of brotherly love," it is a Republican city of the most pronounced type, ruled by men who profess to believe that the negro is politically and civilly the equal of the white man, and fully entitled to all the rights and privileges of the white man, including the right to enjoy his liberty and earn his livelihood in competition with the white man. In other words, he is entitled to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in the full sense that the white man is.

But it is not so in Philadelphia, the Republican-ruled city of brotherly love." Nor is it so in New York, Boston, or any other Northern or Western city. There is not a city in the South of which such a letter as the one above could be truthfully written nor one about which such a letter ever has been written, as far as our reading goes.

What does the right to vote for some white party boss amount to with the man who is debarred from working to earn a living?

In contrast with this read the following, clipped from an address on the "South and the Negro" delivered a few nights ago in the First Reformed Episcopal church, colored, in New York, by James J. Torbert, assistant principal and financial agent of the Fort Valley Hey and Industrial school, for negroes, in Georgia, who said in part:

"Slavery left us 4,000,000 strong. To-day we are about 9,000,000. It left us without a home, but well schooled in the exercise of the muscles and to some extent with the desire to imitate the white man. Our homes to-day dot the hill tops, plains and valleys, all the way from Virginia to Texas. Slavery left us illiterate, but with a passionate desire for knowledge, and to-day we have 2,500,000 people in the public schools and 35,000 teachers trained from the rank and file of the race.

"If we are denied political power for the time being, the power to do good has neither been taken away nor abridged. We can plant our feet squarely in the soil and make the white agriculturist green with envy if he views our well-kept homes, our well-filled barns and our fruit growing and bearing full and plenty with each season of the year. When the white man prevents my race from buying and selling among themselves, from teaching and preaching the gospel of truth to the wayward, from receiving and giving, from living and loving, then they will have persecuted us. They prevent none of these things; they prevent no progress."

How does this read compared with the wail of Samuel H. Blythewood, of Philadelphia? What a contrast between the treatment of the negro in the South and in the North. The South, after long and bitter experience, restricts suffrage for her good and for his good, too, and thus tries to make him a more intelligent and better citizen, but she leaves open to him the avenues of honest endeavor, and "prevents no progress," while in the North the negro is allowed the privilege to vote, but is denied nearly everything else, including the right to earn his living by labor when he comes into competition with white labor. Which of these conditions should the negro with a thimbleful of brains prefer?

As a further proof of the opportunities the South gives the negro to labor for his own betterment we have the accumulation of property by them and the progress they have made, which is most noticeable in those States where they have been the least under the baneful influence of unscrupulous partisan leaders, where there has been the least negro agitation and where they have been least interfered with and left freest to work out their own salvation in their own way.

The solution of the negro problem is to let the negro alone, a conclusion that the Northern people, who have wearied of this incessant agitation, seem to be coming to.

WHERE THE HARM IS DONE.

No white person North or South takes seriously the bill introduced "by request" in the first session of this Congress by Representative Blackburn, of this State, and lately by Senator Hanna in the Senate. The inspiration of these bills as far as the statesmen who present them are concerned is generally understood to be political, to cater to the negro vote, and thus hold it solid for the schemers who have been manipulating and managing the negro ever since his enfranchisement.

Possibly they do not know or think of the harm they do with fakes of this kind. The negroes have been duped in many ways by these political schemers. They were once promised "forty acres and a mule," they were promised political, civil and social equality; they were deluded with the hope of holding high office and deluded in other ways, but schemes like these while intended to dupe them for the benefit of aspirants to office, make them the dupes and victims of sharpers of their own race, who play this game on them and fleece them out of their money under pretence of helping the pension scheme along and assuring them that it is sure to be realized if the necessary funds to push it be forthcoming.

It is estimated that such sharpers have already fleeced confiding negroes out of between $250,000 and $300,000, and perhaps more. Since the introduction of that bill by Senator Hanna they have begun operations again, and we read of their performances in several localities in the South, in Alabama and Georgia, and they are doubtless at work elsewhere. The class of people they pick out as victims is, of course, the most ignorant and credulous, many of whom cannot read, and are innocent enough to believe any story told them by a glib-tonged negro. The result is that they are buncoed out of the little cash they may have and see that negro sharper no more.

It is a shame that white men who ought to understand these things would from selfish motives become instrumental in proposing schemes to make the innocent negro the prey of the negro villain.

Gen. Basil Duke, Democrat, of Louisville, gave President Roosevelt a friendly boost in a lecture before the students of the Virginia University, saying that there was no hope of electing a Democratic President, and he would rather see Roosevelt elected than any other Republican. Mr. Roosevelt promptly reciprocated by inviting him to call at the White House and tendering him the Judgeship in the Sixth Judicial Circuit, which the General declined. He has a better job as attorney for a big railroad.

A Kansas Senator has introduced a bill in the Legislature prohibiting people from eating snakes in that State. He thinks the snakes can be put to better use. As they have got into the snake business the next thing in order may be a bill to prohibit people from "seeing snakes."

The Niagara Falls Power Company will use the California red wood in place of steel in its tunnels. It is said if water pours continuously over this wood a soapy, pasty surface is formed which makes the wood practically indestructible from corosion and hence preferable to steel.

The German elections take place in June. Judging from the indications they will have warm times.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

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TOBACCO AS A CROP.

There is no crop produced in the United States which was once confined to such a comparatively small area, the cultivation of which has expanded as has that of tobacco, which is now grown to a greater or less extent in nearly every State in the Union, being a very important crop in some States where it was not grown at all a few years ago.

As a producer, Kentucky holds the first place, North Carolina coming second, though less than thirty years ago the cultivation was practically limited to a narrow belt on the Virginia border. Now there is twice as much grown outside of that belt as there is in it. According to the estimates of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for 1902 Kentucky produced on 323,194 acres 257,755,200 pounds, valued at $25,775,520, or $80 an acre. North Carolina on 219,623 acres produced 142,520,950 pounds valued at $15,677,304, a little over $71 an acre.

These figures show that this is an important crop, and compares favorably in the returns with other "money crops," being ahead of most of them, but the tendency is to overdo this crop and produce a surplus that will cut down prices and profits. With the expanding area and prospective increase in production, this is the danger that confronts the tobacco-grower, especially the growers of particular kinds of leaf for which the demand is not so great as other kinds. This is something that the North Carolina tobacco planter should keep in view, and if he cultivate largely, not base his calculations too largely on that crop.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— It is believed that President Roosevelt stands ready to sign that bill providing pensions for ex-slaves just as soon as Mr. Hanna gets it passed and engrossed.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— It is the opinion of some students of public opinion that the keepers of country stores in the black belt, regardless of political affiliations, are in favor of the Hanna bill (by request) to pension all the ex-slaves.—*Richmond Times-Dispatch, Dem.*

—— Alabama's coal production has passed the 10,000,000 ton mark. What wonderful growth! In 1870 but 13,200 tons; in 1880, 330,000; in 1890, 4,090,000; in 1900, 8,970,000, and two years later 10,125,000! The ratio of growth is now more than 500,000 a year, or nearly twice as much yearly as the whole output twenty years ago.—*Mobile Register, Dem.*

—— The plan of Congressman Jackson of Ohio to carry on a hotel for women in Fremont, that State, has fallen through, because women do not patronize it, and now he is going to turn it into an apartment house. Why women would not live there is a question that some persons do not understand; but, to most folks it seems as easy to account for as the story that when Adam left his Eden, Eve went with him.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS

— Bill: Why do they call it Cripple Creek, do you suppose? Jill—Perhaps, because the water is limpid—*Tit-Bits.*

— Auntie—Are you getting any marks at school, Freddie? Freddie—Yes, aunty—on'y I can't show 'em to you.—*Tit-Bits.*

— Church—I see Doblin wants a government position. Gotham—Why not put him in the Weather Bureau?—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Fudge: Do you want a worse worse revenge than that? Judge—Yes. Fudge—Make him eat some popular health food.—*Puck.*

— The Sheep—I hear you are about to come out into society? The Goat—Yes, I will soon make any debutt.—*Trenton Advertiser.*

— Mr Bacon: When all the fools are dead, I don't want to be alive. Mrs. Bacon—Well, don't worry; you won't be.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— "Some men," said Uncle Eben, "talks so much dat dey can't think o' nuffin' wuf sayin' on account o' deir own disturbance."—*Washington Star.*

— The Doctor—"Are you sure you never buried any one alive?" The Undertaker—"Well, none of your patients, at least."—*Chicago News.*

— Dolly—Does Mrs. Torque like domestic animals? Polly—Evidently, for she declares she is going to marry her second husband.—*Baltimore Herald.*

— He: Why do you expect me always to hold my tongue we have company? She—Why, Oscar, it isn't good form for two people to talk at the same time!

—"What's the matter, Bill? You look kind o' weatherbeaten this morning," "That's exactly what I am. I bet $5 it would rain yesterday, and it didn't."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Edyth—"If you were in my place would you accept Tom's proposal?" Mayme—"Sure. Why, if I had been in your place, I would have accepted him last week when he proposed to me."—*Chicago News.*

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

For Over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. †

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THE NATION'S PRAYER.

God of our fathers, Lord of All,
Who sits on justice for a throne,
Both right and might are Thine alone,
Beseechingly on Thee we call.

Forbid that greed should vanquish right,
That haughty power and selfish lust
Should strangle justice. Thou art just;
Let justice triumph by Thy might.

Save us from foolish men and blind,
Who sell their souls to save a cause
And trample under foot the laws
Thou hast decreed for all mankind.

Have mercy on the few who hold
The million's welfare in their hand,
Who fail to see or understand
That justice pays a thousandfold.

And pity, Lord, as pity's Thine,
The arrogance that mounts a throne
And robbing Thee of what's Thine own
Proclaims it rules by right divine.

Let caste and class be checked again,
And ranks and orders, let them pass,
And let us, looking at the mass,
Find beings God has made for men.

And give us patience to command,
The faith to hope that right at last
Will triumph; till the storm is past
Let reason lead us by the hand.

The burden of our brother's wrong
By fellow feeling let us learn,
And if allowed this one return
Help us to suffer and be strong.
—*Chicago Daily News.*

SUNDAY SERVICES.

First Baptist church, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor: 11 A. M., "The Quick and the Dead;" 7:30 P. M., "Son, Remember."

First Church of Christ Scientist, Murchison bank building on Chesnut street. Services to day at 11 o'clock A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of Lesson Sermon, "Mind." All are invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., pastor. English services to-day at 11 A. M. and 3:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Everybody cordially invited.

St. John's church, corner Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy communion, 7:45 A. M.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock. Sunday school, 4 P. M.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M. Services at 7:30 P. M. Every person welcome.

Brooklyn A. C. Mission, corner Fourth and Bladen street: Services Sunday 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M.; Sunday School 10 A. M. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening 8 P. M. All are invited to attend. Elder G. C. Minor.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.—*Abraham Lincoln.*

— We prepare ourselves for eternity by doing our day's work while it is day.—*Henry W. Crosskey.*

— The busy preachers are the useful preachers. The preachers who cannot find to "do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of the ministry," are usually worthless.

— We put ourselves in the way of divine visits when we employ ourselves in honest business. Tidings of Christ's birth was brought to the shepherds when they were keeping their flocks.—*Matthew Henry.*

— Real growth in character comes as so many of the best gifts of God come—by the way. In doing what we believe to be God's will for us, many things lie in the straight line of that fidelity. Every unselfish act makes unselfishness more possible.—*H. W. Foote.*

— It is true that we need help in following the religious life, and that, under the consciousness of sin and in our thirst for God, we turn instinctively to nobler spirits than our own, and seek their aid and guidance.—*James Dummond.*

— Who will not pray, if prayer for such a boon be lawful, that the mysterious teacher whom we call Death may whisper to us like him of old, "I am come that ye may have life, and have it more abundantly?"—*J. Estlin Carpenter.*

— No pure and simple life, true to itself, true to its Maker, was ever lived on this earth that was not a voice on God's behalf, however still and small, and that did not, in its sincere and humble way, declare a hope and reveal a faith which might well be the evidence of things unseen.—*Alexander Gordon.*

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.
District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th 1903.

His Quaint Suggestion.

A Frenchman, who appears to have been of a thrifty turn of mind, conceived the idea in 1878 that too much valuable time was being wasted in cleaning sardines when preparing them for the market. He found a way of preparing them without cleaning them, and on this he took out letters patent. Apparently he had some slight misgiving as to whether the public would be perfectly suited with his invention, and so in his claim he makes this parenthetical entry:

Fish put up by this process may be slightly unpleasant to the customer at first, but he soon gets used to it.

Taverns In Sweden.

Taverns in Sweden are closed on Saturday, which is pay day, while the savings banks are kept open until midnight. This plan induces the workmen to invest their money where it will pay them interest instead of in alcoholic stimulants.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery, and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

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It's So Easy

To take cold. It's so common to neglect the cold. That is one reason why there are so many people with "deep-seated," stubborn coughs, and so many more with "lung trouble."

The short, quick way to cure a cough is to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The quicker this remedy is used the quicker the cure. But even when neglect has let disease fasten on the lungs, "Golden Medical Discovery" may be relied on to cure in ninety-eight cases out of every hundred.

The only motive for substitution is to permit the dealer to make the little extra profit paid on the sale of less meritorious medicines. He gains. You lose. Therefore accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery."

"I am feeling quite well," writes Miss Dorcas A. Lewis, of No. 1129 24th St., Washington, D. C. "My cough is very much better, and I owe it all to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I cannot say too much in praise of the medicine. I had been quite a sufferer for a long time, and after reading Doctor Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser thought I would try his 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I commenced taking it in May, 1899. Had not been sleeping well for a long time. Took one teaspoonful of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and slept nearly all night without coughing, so I continued taking it. I am in great sympathy with everybody who suffers with a cough. I had been a sufferer for more than ten years. I tried lots of different medicines and different doctors, but did not feel much better. I coughed until I commenced spitting blood, but now I feel much stronger and am entirely well. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best medicine I have ever taken. My home is in Williamsburg, Virginia."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a ladies' laxative. No other medicine equals them for gentleness and thoroughness.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Smithfield *Herald*: Mr. J. M. Langdon, of Pleasant Grove township, was in town Wednesday. He reports that tobacco acreage in his section will be slightly increased this year despite the present low prices. Last year Mr. Langdon sold the tobacco off of two and one-half acres of land for $625.80.

— Danbury *Reporter*: Travel over the Danbury-Walnut Cove road has almost ceased for the present The road is in such a dreadful condition that it is almost impossible to go over it. We learn that the two depots at Walnut Cove are completely full of goods, merchants being unable to get them away on account of the bad roads.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: In the case of the State against Henry Marlowe, charged with the murder of Jno. Cribb, the defendant was convicted of murder in the second degree after a trial which lasted about five days. So far as we have been able to learn, the verdict was a righteous one, and is as fully concurred in by public opinion as it was by his Honor, who stated to the jury that he agreed with them in the verdict rendered.

— Monroe *Enquirer*: Mr. H. D. Browning showed us a ripe strawberry taken from his garden last Tuesday, the 10th inst. —— The supposed safe crackers who were arrested near here last week and are now in jail have been seen by a number of officers from other places where safes have been cracked and valuables taken. Mr. H. T. Gregory, postoffice inspector, spent last Thursday and Friday here and swore out warrants for them for breaking into the postoffice at Grier's, S. C., some time ago.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Mr. C. C. Days, of Centerville, was found dead lying near the Southern Railroad track Tuesday morning, two and a half miles below Winston. He was not positively identified until Friday night, when the coroner and his jury went after the body and made an investigation. Mr. Days was about fifty eight years old and leaves a wife and several children. From the evidence obtained it appears that Mr. Days was intoxicated, and while walking along the railroad track was struck by the train. Both legs were broken, besides other bruises were found on the body and head.

— Sanford *Express*: There is talk of a $50,000 chemical plant locating here. A gentleman was here in the interest of the proposed enterprise this week. —— A thief broke into the store of the Sanford Cotton Mill Company, Wednesday night, and carried off about $40 worth of goods. He entered the store by breaking out a glass in one of the front windows with an axe. —— The railroad people say they have never seen more guano moved at this season of the year than is now being handled by the railroads. The shipments are immense and long freight trains are moving the stuff daily. The farmers will soon begin moving it from the depots preparatory to planting the cotton crop.

Drinking From the Loving Cup.

Every prosperous club has its loving cup, but how many of the guests who see it gracing the banquet know its origin or the graceful ceremonial which should be observed in drinking from it? The cup should have two handles and a cover and is handed to the principal guest as the toasts begin. The guest takes it by both handles and, standing, turns to the person nearest, who also stands, and both bow. Then, while the second guest removes the lid, the first one drinks and with another bow passes the cup to his neighbor, who replaces the lid and presents it in turn to the next guest, and so the ceremony is repeated.

In the old days of chivalry and of treachery, as a man while drinking from the two handled cup was practically defenseless, his companion was required to remove the cover with his sword hand that he might not take advantage of the other. It is a very pretty ceremony when gracefully performed.

What He Might Do.

Slimkins was a creature who wore trousers. He was rich and respectable. He didn't have to earn his own living. He was a butterfly of fashion. That's why trousers looked queer on him. He went to teas. He never led a german. He hadn't the capacity for that. He did have the capacity, though, for falling in love. As usual in such cases, he fell in love with a superior girl. Dreams and dudes go by contraries. So did the girl. She wouldn't have it a little bit.

"What shall I do, what shall I do?" he moaned.

"You might commit suicide heroically," she suggested coldly.

"But that would be murder," he exclaimed, horrified.

"I think not," she said assuringly. "Any jury in the country would call it justifiable homicide without leaving the box."—Exchange.

Explanatory.

"For the first attempt in public," said her friend encouragingly, "I thought you sang with a good deal of feeling."

"I don't wonder at that," replied the ambitious young vocalist; "my heart was in my throat all the time."—Chicago Tribune.

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TAR—Market firm at $1.65 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $3.40 per barrel for hard, $4.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.12½@1.17½; tar firm at $1.20; crude turpentine firm at $1.35 @2.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	23
Rosin	664
Tar	564
Crude turpentine	41

Receipts same day last year— — casks spirits turpentine, 105 barrels rosin, 172 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6⅞	cts. ♥ lb
Good ordinary	8¼	" "
Low middling	9	" "
Middling	9¼	" "
Good middling	10⅜	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 8⅛c for middling.

Receipts—611 bales; same day last year, 1,432.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm, 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 15c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 25@30c; springs, 15@20c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12@12½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@4c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb 14.—Money on call was steady; no loans; time money steady: 60 days, 4 per cent; 90 days, 4 per cent.; six months 4¼@4½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills done at 487.55@487.60 for demand and at 484.50 for sixty days. Posted rates were 485 and 488 Commercial bills 483¾@484¼. Bar silver 48¼. Mexican dollars 37¾. Government bonds weak. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds steady. U S. refunding 2's, registered, 107¼; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 107¼; U. S. 3's, registered, 107; do. coupon, 107. U. S. 4's, new registered, 134¼; do. coupon, 135½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109½; do. coupon, 109½; U.S. 5's, registered, 102¼; do. coupon 102¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 117¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 100. Chesapeake & Ohio 52¼; Manhattan L 144¼; New York Central 149¼; Reading 63¼; do. 1st preferred 88¼; do. 2nd preferred 76¼; St. Paul 178½; do. pref'd, 191; Southern Railway 35¾; do. pref'd 94¼; Amalgamated Copper 70; People's Gas 106½; Sugar 130½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 63½; U. S. Leather 14½; do. pref'd, 94¼; Western Union 90; U. S. Steel 38¼; do. pref'd 88; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., 64¼; do. preferred, 124¼. Standard Oil, 730@740.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.—Seaboard Air Line, common, —; do. preferred, —; bonds, fours, 84. Atlantic Coast Line, common and preferred, unquoted.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Rosin firm. Strained common to good $2 20@2 25. Spirits turpentine firm at 66½@67c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 64½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — casks; A, B, C, D, E and F, $1 85; G, $1 95; H, $2 30; I, $2 75; K, $3 15; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W $4 20.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 14.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 65c; receipts 226 casks; sales 92 casks; exports 680 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 2,493 barrels; sales 5,561 barrels; exports 2,861 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $1 95; F, $1 95; G, $2 05; H, $2 40; I, $2 85; K $3 20; M, $3 40; N, $3 60; W G, $3 85; W W, $4 25.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The cotton market opened steady at unchanged price to a decline of five points; then rallied a point or two, but again became weak and sold off to a level of five to six points under the closing figures of the previous day, with March showing leading weakness under a selling pressure to avoid the actual delivery of cotton; a phase of the situation which increased the confidence of the bear contingent. The public speculative interest in cotton at New York at present prices reflects the marked caution, and general buying shows a subsiding tendency. Liverpool cables about met local expectations and were not a factor while port receipts were a bearish factor, being estimated at 24,000 against 17,740 last year. It is expected that the amount of cotton to come into sight this week will exceed the movement of last week.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Cotton quiet at 9.60; net receipts 252 bales; gross receipts 531 bales; stock 139,800 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 9.60c; middling gulf 9.85c; sales — bales.

Futures opened steady and closed barely steady. The closing prices were: February 9.31, March 9.32, April 9.38, May 9.40, June 9.28, July 9.28, August 8.98, September 8.42, October 8.26.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 21,136 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,310 bales; exports to France 664 bales; exports to the Continent 14,754 bales; stock 924,370 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 21,136 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,310 bales; exports to France 664 bales; exports to the Continent 14,754 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,296,671 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,971,074 bales; exports to France 611,859 bales; exports to the Continent 2,115,897 bales

Feb. 14.—Galveston, steady at 9½c, net receipts 6,725 bales; Norfolk, steady at 9½c, net receipts 1,127 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9⅝c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 9.60, net receipts 239 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 611 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 9.85, net receipts — bales; Savannah, quiet at 9⅛c, net receipts 4,516 bales; New Orleans, firm at 9⅜c, net receipts 6,634 bales; Mobile, steady at 9¼c, net receipts 106 bales; Memphis, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 106 bales; Augusta, quiet at 9 9-16, net receipts 1,502 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 164 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Flour was dull and unchanged; Minnesota patents $4 10@4 30; winter patents $3 65@4 00. Wheat—Spot firmer; No. 2 red 82¾c. Options closed firm at ⅛@⅜c net advance. Sales included: March closed 83⅛c; May closed 81⅛c; July closed 78⅝c; September 76⅝c. Corn—Spot weak; No. 2 60c. Options market closed rather weak at ⅛@1⅛c net decline; March closed 55⅜c; May closed 51⅛c; July closed 49⅝c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2, 43⅛c. Options were quiet and barely steady under realizing: May closed 42⅜c. Lard steady; Western $10 00@10 10; refined firm; compound 7⅛@7½. Pork dull; family $18 50@19 00; short clear $18 25@19 00 Tallow quiet; city ($2 per package) 6c; country 6¼@6½. Rice firm; domestic, fair to extra 4½@6⅝c; Japan nominal. Molasses firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@40c. Butter was quiet; extra creamery 26c; State dairy 15@24c. Cheese firm; State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14⅛c; small white, fall made, 14⅛c. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4½@4¾c; other domestic 3@4⅛c. Cabbages easy; domestic, per barrel red $1 00@1 25; white 60@80c. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 13. Potatoes steady; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50@2 00. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3⅛c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c; molasses sugar 3c; refined steady; confectioner's $4 50; mould A $4 90; cut loaf $5 25; crushed $5 25; powdered $4 75; granulated $4 65; cubes $4 90. Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 5⅝c; mild quiet; Cordova 7@11⅛c. Eggs firm; Pennsylvania average best 17c; Southern by sample 15⅛c. Cotton seed oil closed firm in tone for the week and fairly active in a jobbing way: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 34@35c; prime summer yellow 41@42c; off summer yellow 40c; prime white 45c; prime winter yellow 45c; prime meal $27 50@28 00, nominal.

CHICAGO, February 14.—Trading in the grain and provision pits was again dull and grain prices had a downward tendency, except wheat, which closed ⅛@⅛c higher. May corn was ⅛c lower, while oats were down ⅛c. Provisions were strong and the May products closed from 5@7½ to 15c higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Cash prices: Flour was firm: winter patents $3 60@3 70; straights $3 30@3 40; spring patents $3 50@3 80; straights $3 10@3 40; bakers' $2 45@2 90. Wheat—No. 2 spring 77@79c; No. 3 spring 96@68; No. 2 red 74¼@74½c. Corn—No. 2 43½c; No. 2 yellow 43½c. Oats—No. 2 34¼c; No. 2 white —; No. 3 white 35@36c. Mess pork, per barrel, quoted $17 12½@17 25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $9 60@9 65. Short rib sides, loose, $9 20@9 40 Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 72½@9 75 Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 30.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No 2 February 74¾, 74¾, 74¼, 74¼c; May 77⅛@77¾, 77⅜, 77⅜, 77¾@77⅜c; July 74@74¼, 74⅜, 74, 74c. Corn—No. 2 February —, —, —, 43½c; May 45¼@45⅜, 45⅜, 44⅞, 45c; July 43⅜@43¼, 43⅛@43⅜, 43¼, 43¼c. Oats—No. 2, February 34¼c; May 36⅛@36⅜, 36⅞, 36⅛, 36⅛@36⅜; July 33¼, 33⅜, 33¼, 33⅛@33⅜c Mess pork, per bbl—May $17 05, 17 20, 17 05, 17 12½; July $16 47½, 16 52½, 16 47½, 16 52½. Lard, per 100 lbs.—February $9 60, 9 60, 9 60, 9 60; May $9 50, 9 55, 9 50, 9 55; July $9 30, 9 35, 9 30, 9 35. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $9 37½, 9 47½, 9 37½, 9 47½; July $9 17½, 9 22½, 9 17½, 9 22½; September $9 12½, 9 15, 9 12½, 9 15.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices six points higher; American middling fair 5.72d; good middling 5.32d; middling 5.14d; low middling 5.02d; good ordinary 4.90d; ordinary 4.78d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,300 bales American. Receipts 10,200 bales, all American.

Futures opened steady and closed firm; American middling (g o c) February 5.04@5.05d; February and March 5.04d; March and April 5.04d; April and May 5.05d; May and June 5.06d; June and July 5.06@5.07d; July and August 5.05d; August and September 4.95d; September and October 4.63@4.64d; October and November 4.50d.

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Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—81 bales of cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 42 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—101 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 6 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine

W., C. & A. Railroad 290 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 118 barrels rosin, 132 barrels tar, 33 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—132 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 120 barrels rosin, 18 barrels tar.

Steamer Highlander—7 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 376 barrels rosin, 207 barrels tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—6 casks spirits turpentine, 50 barrels rosin, 187 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Sanders—5 casks spirits turpentine, 42 barrels tar.

Schooner Adele—20 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—611 bales cotton, 23 casks spirits turpentine, 664 barrels rosin, 564 barrels tar, 41 barrels crude turpentine.

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List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., February 15.

STEAMSHIPS.

Muriel, (Br) 1,565 tons, Freeman, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Savan, (Br) 1,668 tons, Hunter, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Emily F Northam, 315 tons, Adams, to master.

Bayard Hopkins, 212 tons, Eskridge, to master.

Chas H Wolston, 287 tons, Hinckley, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Helen G Mosely, 502 tons, Gray, Cape Fear Lumber Co.

Albert T Stearnes, 483 tons, Bunker, to master.

Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons, Kneeland, George Harriss, Son & Co.

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Rates From Wilmington

Mardi-Gras, New Orleans, La. Feb. 18th 24th, 1903 Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th Rate, $25.00 By deposit of tickets by original purchasers with Mr. Joseph Richardson, special agent, New Orleans, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th and upon payment of fee of 50 cts. per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained.

Mardi-Gras, Pensacola, Fla., and Mobile, Ala., Feb. 18th to 24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers (personally) with Jos. Richardson, special agent, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th, and upon payment of fee of 50 cents per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained. Rate to Pensacola, $22.45; to Mobile, $22 95.

W. J. CRAIG,
Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.
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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, February 6, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,067,006 31
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		,071 80
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		95,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173,800 00
Stocks, securities, etc		18,069 63
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		100 259 31
Due from State Banks and Bankers		146,8[illegible] 47
Due from approved reserve agents		67 426 89
Notes of other National Banks	$6,500 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	903 69	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank viz:		
Specie	$40 5[illegible] 00	
Legal tender notes	8,8[illegible] 00 –	131,760 69
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		4,700 00
Total		$1,84[illegible],596 92

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	39,409 32	—164,409 32
National Bank notes outstanding		95,100 00
Due to other National Banks	293,065 94	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	300,465 69	
Dividends unpaid	195 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	762,994 41	
Cashiers checks outstanding	19 437 23	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1,461,087 60
Total		$1,845,596 92

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1903.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
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STATEMENT OF

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,

108 Princess Street.

At close of business Feb. 6th, 1903, (condensed from report to Corporation Commission.)

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Furniture and Fixtures	$ 2 00	Capital	$ 25,000.00
Real estate	1,000 00	Deposits	1,003 978 86
Cash on hand and due from banks	105 479 57	Accrued interest due depositors	5,602 75
Loans and Discounts	907,609 81	Profits, less ex. and taxes paid	59,809 77
Total	$1,094,391 38	Total	$1,094,391 3

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.

C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

DIRECTORS:

J. V Grainger, J W. Norwood, H. Walters, N. B. Rankin, H. L. Vollers, J. W. Yates, Donald MacRae, D. O'Connor.

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THE ATLANTIC TRUST AND BANKING CO.,

Wilmington, N. C.

Report to the North Carolina Corporation Commission, February 6th, 1903.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$226,930 22	Capital Stock paid in	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,135 86
Cash on hand. Due from Banks	4,668 14	Deposits subject to check	183 462 50
		Interest due depositors	1,400 00
	$241,998 36		$241,998 36

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover—ss.:

I, M. F. Allen, Cashier of the Atlantic Trust and Banking Co., do solemnly swear that the above statement is t ue to t.e best of my knowledge and belief. M. F. ALLEN, Cashier.

O-tree: Attest:

Dir-ctors—J. G. L. Gieschen, L. B. Rogers, C. W. Yates.

Sworn to before me this 13th day of February, 1903.

feb 14 tf W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business, Feb. 6, 1903.

(Began business March 1, 1899.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$ 913,115 19	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	257 00 00	Surplus and Net Profits	87,151 77
Bank bui ding	30,000 00	Circulation	196,950 00
Cash on hand and in banks	633,587 70	Deposits	1,259,001 65
	$1,843,702 89		$1,843,702 89

Comparative statement of deposits,

February 6th, 1903, $1,73,,837 14.

February 6th, 1901, $409,290 53.

February 6th, 1902, $693,282 71.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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THE KING WHO WAS A PAUPER

By Frances Wilson

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The king was in his counting house, but he was not counting out his money. He left such details as that to the benchmen who sat in the large outer office under the soft radiance of green shaded electric lights, adding up columns in a perfunctory manner and dreaming, to a man, of what they would do if they were king.

A modest door, upon the glass of which was inscribed in small, neat letters "Mr. Allston," led into the king's private room, where Turkish rugs smothered the floor and leather covered chairs were ranged along the wall. There was also a low bookcase, which contained such invaluable biographical dictionaries as Bradstreet's and Dun's, to say nothing of Poor's Railroad Manual, Somebody's Street Railways and a number of similar works, which constituted the king's solid reading, though he had once observed dryly that "they contain more fiction than you'd suppose from the titles."

The king was sitting at his desk, tracing with a lead pencil crude squares and rectangles on the pad before him. The buzz of Wall street, softened to a gentle murmur by the height, came in through the open windows, and a soft breeze fluttered the papers on his desk and filled the room with its freshness, just to let him know that it was April.

The breeze was damp and cool, as if it had blown across moist, earthly places where the violets were pushing upward instead of across acres of metal roof. It rumpled the king's thick hair as nonchalantly as if he had been a mere commoner and somehow set him to thinking of the queen.

He stopped making squares and rectangles and began to scrawl something on the pad instead, something that would have made the clerks in the outer office open their eyes and stare in wonder could they have seen it, for it was quite sentimental and had nothing whatever to do with stocks and bonds:

Oh, faint, delicious springtime violet,
Thine odor, like a key,
Turns noiselessly in memory's wards
To let a thought of sorrow free!

Indeed the king himself was aghast when he looked at what he had written, and he tore the sheet from the pad with a hurried, guilty air and crumpled and crushed it into a small wad before he threw it into the wastebasket. Then he took it out again and tore it into small pieces, a precaution which was entirely unnecessary, as no one had ever been able to read more than two consecutive words of the king's writing, and, besides, no one in the world would have believed him capable of quoting poetry.

He went back to his squares and rectangles again, his mind busy with the days before his millions had made him a serene highness. In those days, he remembered, he and the queen used to take long walks in the park when he could get away from the office in time. She called it their picture gallery and affected a fine scorn for the people who gushed over their Corots, Millets or Rousseaus, but gave never a thought to the real thing—the tender greens, the misty grays, the last flush of sun in the western sky, against which the trees stood out in velvety, mysterious darkness. "We get our beauty at first hand," she was wont to say gayly, "instead of on small pieces of canvas which reek of man instead of God." And they had gone their way through the soft April twilights or sensuous summer dusks, in love with life and the world.

But that was all very long ago! The king gave a weary little sigh as he realized how long. The queen—he liked to think of it all as hers—had "one of the finest private galleries in America" now, and she drove in the park on spring afternoons rather bored disillusioned and certainly too b in bowing to the occupants of ot. carriages to give much time to th. beauty about her. It no longer gave her a thrill of delight to notice how the gray of the leafless trees sometimes melted into a pale amethyst nor did it touch her with a subtle sadness to watch the sunset through a network of bare branches. It is only the poor who have time to appreciate nature's free exhibitions.

Even kings have their bad quarter hours, though you couldn't make any of the clerks in the outer office believe it. In this particular case, for instance, not one of them divined that his majesty was sitting there in his luxurious private room longing for the old days before he was king, living over the days when he and the queen were first married—those exciting d s when he could scarcely get home fast enough in his eagerness to tell her perhaps that the time had come when she might afford the pale green carpet and mahogany furniture upholstered to match which she had so long coveted for her little drawing room.

And the pink brocade hangings! The king smiled reminiscently as he thought of them, for they were a surprise. She never dreamed that they had reached that point of affluence where they could afford them, and he had decided to surprise her with them. He could still see the shine in her eyes and the flush on her cheeks when they came home! The portrait painters should have done her then, the king thought discontentedly.

Well, the queen had her carriage now and a retinue of servants and Paris gowns galore, but none of these things had ever brought the light to her eyes that had shone there when the brocade hangings came home. Life had given her all her wishes and filched from her—zest. It seemed rather tragic to the poor king at this moment that the very success to which she had been his chief inspiration had become the ocean upon which they were drifting apart; not intentionally—heaven forbid that—but like two ships when the cable that lashed them together had been sundered.

It was the price they paid for a lion's share of the world's money. There was something chummy and intimate about a six room apartment with one maid which a house of the king really did not know how many rooms and a host of servants could not possibly attain.

Then it comes about naturally enough that queens should breakfast in bed and that kings have their clubs and that both should feel obliged to respond to the thousand and one demands upon their time until they neglect each other from sheer weariness. If there had been boys and girls about the great house, the king told himself with a sore sense of desolation about his heart, things might have been different.

He took out his watch. It was just 4 o'clock.

"Call up my house," was the brief command to the boy who appeared in response to his ring, "and ask for Mrs. Allston."

They would go for a walk in the park once more, he and the queen, and revive the old times before they were rich and stupid. And he would tell her—he felt as shy as a boy at the thought—how the breeze had suddenly set him to thinking of her and the old days and he had found himself scrawling that favorite verse of hers, did she remember, "Oh, faint, delicious springtime violet," and—

The tinkle of the telephone bell at his side interrupted him.

"An engagement at 5? Can't you break it?" The king's voice was full of disappointment and appeal, and the queen, who stood serene and beautiful at the other end of the wire, wondered languidly what was the matter. "Very well. I may not be home for dinner. Sorry you couldn't go." And the king hung up the receiver with an odd sense of loneliness and failure.

He pulled down his desk cover with a bang, picked up his gloves and strode out, followed by a dozen pairs of envious eyes, and all the time he was asking himself bitterly what it profits a man if he gain the whole world and lose the sweetest thing in life—the soul to soul companionship which made the old life dear.

"After all," mused the assistant stenographer as the click of the elevator door announced that he was really gone, "I sometimes imagine that the king isn't quite happy!" And then she rested her tired head upon her hand and tried to wonder what it would be like to have plenty of money.

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"Well," ventured the lawyer, "I presume a handsome woman isn't especially complimented by being left a Pigg."

"I should say not," she laughed. "Now, what I came to see you about was whether or not I must execute what you call a deed poll to get it changed."

"Um—er," he hesitated, as if wrestling with a great legal problem, "um—er—yes, but an easier way is to apply to a parson, and I'll pay all the expenses myself."

It was sudden, but a widow is never caught napping, and she appointed that evening for another consultation.

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$ 395,135 21	Capital Stock	$ 30,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	199 96	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11,076 09
Cash on hand and due from Banks	26,673 16	Deposits	380,982 31
Total	$ 422,008 31	Total	$ 422,008 31

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEPOSIT.

February 5th, 1901, $309,014 15. February 6th, 1902, $297,234.37. February 6th, 1903, $380,982.31.

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Ar Charlotte	11.40 a m	11.50 p m
Ar Chester	12.01 p m	11.50 p m
Ar Greenwood	3.39 p m	2.05 a m
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Ar Jacksonville	1.00 p m	7.40 p m	9.15 a m
Ar Tampa		9.45 a m	6.00 p m

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Lv Hamlet	10.25 p m	8.45 a m	12.49 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.15 a m	11.45 a m	2.38 a m
Ar Norlina	3.18 a m	1.35 p m	
Ar Portsmouth		7.10 a m	8.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	7.10 a m		
Lv Hamlet	10.25 p m	8.45 a m	12.49 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.15 a m	11.45 a m	2.38 a m
Ar Norlina	3.18 a m	1.35 p m	
Ar Petersburg	5.33 a m	4.05 p m	
Ar Richmond	6.10 a m	4.50 p m	6.40 a m
Ar Washington	9.45 a m	8.35 p m	10.10 a m
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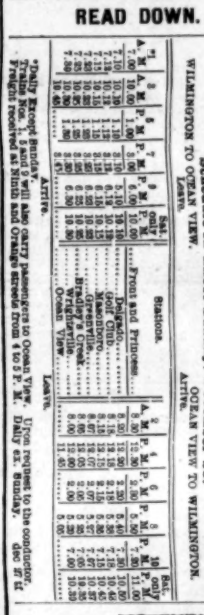

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Ar Wilson	1.18 p m	10.40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1.55 p m	11.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	5.55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4.53 p m	1.45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6.52 p m	3.35 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4.07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7.54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.23 a m	9.10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4.05 a m	11.25 a m
Ar New York	7.15 a m	2.00 p m

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	No. 141	No. 49
Lv New York	8.55 a m	9.35 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11.30 a m	12.10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.44 p m	2.37 a m
Ar Washington	2.50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9.00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.56 p m	8.30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7.52 p m	9.15 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11.22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 P m	12.50 p m
Ar Wilson	10.48 p m	1.30 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2.25 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5.45 p m

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SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3.45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9.25 a m	7.30 p m	2.35 a m†
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11.15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	12.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	3.45 p m
Ar Tampa		7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 p m	9.30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	10.35 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8.03 p m	9.45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

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P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 55	Kinston	10 18	.....
5 40	5 52	Newbern	9 07	9 00
7 25	7 37	Morehead City	7 39	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Bill for Its Creation Signed by the President—Cortelyou to Be Appointed Secretary of the New Department.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt this afternoon signed the bill providing for a Department of Commerce, thus concluding its enactment into law. The signing of the measure creating what promises to be one of the most important departments of the government, was attended by no ceremony.

It is well understood that George B. Cortelyou, secretary to the President, will be appointed secretary of this department. His appointment wille be sent to the Senate by the President early next week, perhaps on Monday, and it is likely there will be no delay in its confirmation. It is not improbable that in anticipation of the enactment of the necessary supplementary legislation the President may send to the Senate very soon the appointment of some of the important officials of the new department. The transfer of the existing bureaus will not take place formally until the close of the present fiscal year, June 30th.

Coincident with the qualification of Secretary Cortelyou as the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, William Loeb, Jr., will enter upon the duties of secretary to the President. Mr. Loeb is at present first assistant secretary to the President. B. F. Barnes, now assistant secretary to the President, will take up the duties now performed by Mr. Loeb, and the President will designate another, not yet selected, to take Mr. Barnes' place.

As soon as Secretary Cortelyou begins the work of organizing the new department he will take up with the Appropriations Committees of the House and the Senate the details of the legislation necessary for the maintenance of the department.

TOOK PART IN TWO DUELS.

Max Regis, the Former Mayor of Algiers and Anti-Semite Leader— Will Figure in Two More.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—Max Regis, the former mayor of Algiers and anti-Semite leader, took part in two duels to day and will figure in two more. The first was fought with swords, his adversary being M. La Basberque. It grew out of a private controversy. In the second encounter pistols were used and M. Regis exchanged shots with Jacquez Landau. Newspaper criticisms were responsible for this quarrel.

The meetings occurred in the suburbs and were witnessed by a large crowd of people, including a number of women. Before the first encounter M. Regis shouted insulting defiance at his adversary. The former was slightly wounded in the right arm in the third bout and the affair was stopped. M. Regis again insulted M. La Basferque, who named his seconds for another encounter, declaring that he intended to kill his adversary the next time they met. M. Regis also challenged the master of ceremonies for protesting against his insulting methods on the field, but friends intervened and brought about a reconciliation. The pistol duel followed. Two shots were exchanged without effect.

CARNEGIE'S LIBERAL OFFER.

Proffers the Sum of $360,000 to Meet the German Demand If Venezuela Demands It.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Moved by the spirit in which Herbert W. Bowen has conducted the peace negotiations at Washington with the representatives of the allies and anxious that his mission should succeed, Andrew Carnegie, upon hearing of Germany's action in demanding a cash payment of one million seven hundred and eighteen thousand bolivars, instead of the five thousand five hundred pounds previously promised her, sends the following message to Mr. Bowen, dated February 12th:

"I shall be glad to hand you over at once $360.000 to meet the German demand, if Venezuela desires it."

This fact became known to-night after the last of the addenda to the peace protocols had been signed at the British embassy. Mr. Carnegie, it is said, has been watching with a close interest the progress of the negotiations here. The message was sent as soon as the news of Germany's demand was published.

Mr. Bowen dispatched a grateful reply to Mr. Carnegie, thanking him for his generous offer which, however, it was not necessary to accept.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Increasing at Mazatlan—Many New Cases Among Well-to-do People.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MAZATLAN, MEXICO, Feb. 14.—The plague shows signs of increasing, there being five deaths to-day. A wealthy Chinaman named Lee was found dead this morning on the streets. His countrymen offered the authorities $8,000 for permission to perform the rite of the Chinese, but were refused.

The plague has appeared at Oso, thirty kilometers from Quilican Rosates, capital of the State of Sonaola, where a merchant named Ilias, attacked with the plague, took a pistol and threatened to kill the sanitary police if they attempted to take him away. He was taken to the Lazaretto and died at midnight.

Many new cases among the well-to-do people living in the best houses of the city infuse new alarm in all circles.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, of Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally as good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruption and Piles. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

MANY MATTERS IN THE SENATE.

A Sharp Controversy Occurred Over the Conditions in the Philippine Islands.

INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

A Busy Day in the House—Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill Passed—Private Pension Legislation—Omnibus Public Building Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Senate to-day listened to the reading of the Indian Appropriation bill, and spent some time in the consideration of that measure. It was not, however, finally disposed of and will be taken up again Monday. The greater of the remainder of the day was given over to eulogies of late members of the House of Representatives, including Charles Q. Russell, of Connecticut; Joshua S. Salmon, of New Jersey; Amos J. Cummings, of New York and R. O. Crump, of Michigan.

During the day Mr. Aldrich sought to secure consideration of his National Bank Securities bill, and Mr. Lodge of the House bill amending the Philippine tariff law. Both measures went over under objection, but incidentally there was a sharp controversy over the conditions in the Philippines in connection with the Tariff bill. Early in the day, Senator Quay presented a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate to be that a vote should be taken on the Statehood bill before the second of March next, but the resolution went over without consideration until Monday.

The Philippine tariff bill as passed by the House fixed the rate on Philippine products coming into this country at 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates instead of 75 per cent., as at present. The Senate committee amended the bill by granting free trade in all products except sugar and tobacco, and upon these products levying a duty of 50 per cent. of the Dingley rates.

Mr. Foraker said he would object to the adoption of the amendment, as he believed that any action less liberal than that proposed by the House would result disastrously.

Mr. Foraker said that we should treat the people of our dependencies as our own people. "If," he said, "we can't treat our own as we should, I propose to move for free trade with them."

Mr. Patterson called attention to the fact that the Philippines are capable of producing large enough quantities of sugar to destroy the beet sugar industry. Referring to Mr. Foraker's general statement, Mr. Patterson asked if it was to be understood that it is now his opinion that we should hold the Philippines for ever or until they are ready for self-government as he had said last session?

Mr. Foraker replied "We should hold those islands until they are capable of self-government, but that is so far in the future that we need not consider it here. The islands will be in our possession for years to come and it is idle to talk now of parting with them."

Mr. Carmack said he had no objection to the pending bill, but he expressed the opinion that its passage would be of no benefit to the Filipinos. He said the measure had not been reported until Mr. Oxnard, the sugar beet manufacturer, had expressed his willingness; was his willingness thinking it would do him no harm and the Filipinos no good?

The Senate adjourned until Monday.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day passed the Sundry Civil bill, which has been under consideration since Tuesday, and then broke all previous records in the matter of private pension legislation. It was the last opportunity of passing pension bills at this session and the calendar was cleared, not only of House but of Senate bills, 325 in all being passed. Three hundred and twelve is the highest previous records made in the Fifty first; Congress. Among them was a bill to grant a pension of $30 a month to the widow of the late Representative Rumple, of Iowa, who died about two weeks ago. Mr. Rumple had a gallant war record, having taken part in over thirty battles and having risen from private to the rank of captain. The House also passed a Senate bill to authorize the President to place Edward L. Bailey on the retired list of the army as a colonel. After serving over thirty-nine years in the regular army, Colonel Bailey resigned his commission.

An Omnibus Public Building bill, carrying approximately $6,000,000, was introduced to-day by Representative Mercer, of Nebraska, chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. This is the bill upon which the sub-committee has been working for the past few days and will be reported from the full committee next week. The bill authorizes the limit of cost of Federal buildings in the several cities named to be increased to the following amounts: Harrison, Ark., $100,000; Rome, Ga., $134,104; Maysville, Ky., $50,000; Henderson, Ky., $50,000; Elizabeth City, N. C., $130,000; Durham, N. C., $100,000; Goldsboro, N. C., $50,000; Nashville, Tenn., $670,948; Martinsville, Va., $45,000; Sherman, Texas, $145,000; Batesville, Ark., $75,000.

The House adjourned to Monday.

A. L. BISHOP MURDER TRIAL.

All the Evidence for the State Concluded, The Star Witness—Argument Expected to Begin Monday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 14.—All the evidence for the State in the trial of Arthur L. Bishop, who killed Thomas J. Wilson, was concluded today. The defence will get in all the testimony it has to offer Monday. Argument of counsel will begin Tuesday and a verdict is expected the latter part of the week.

The star witness to-day was Miss Ada Wilson, daughter of the man who was killed. A summary of the evidence as made out by the State is that Bishop had not been invited to the Wilson house, and that Wilson did not use the hickory stick which he had in his hand when he came into the room.

Intense interest is manifested in the progress of the trial. Bishop's father sits beside him in the court room. His wife is also here, but has not yet appeared in court.

President Roosevelt has signed the army staff bill and it is now a law.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

TERMINATION OF THE VENEZUELA BLOCKADE.

Instructions Cabled Commanders of the Allies' Squadrons to Withdraw Their Ships from Venezuelan Waters.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Official notice of the termination of the blockade of the Venezuelan ports, (necessary to terminate the notice of the blockade conveyed in the original proclamations,) has reached the State Department, in the shape of a dispatch received to-day from the United States embassy at London, stating that the British Foreign Office had given it out that a cablegram had been sent this morning to the British naval commander in Venezuelan waters to raise the blockade.

LONDON, February 14.—The Associated Press is informed that instructions have been telegraphed to the commanders of the blockading squadrons off Venezuela to withdraw their ships, in consequence of the arrangements completed at Washington. The blockade therefore, will be immediately raised.

Congratulations to Castro.

CARACAS, Feb. 14.—News of the raising of the blockade was received by President Castro this morning in a cablegram from Mr. Bowen who said: "The protocols have been signed. Blockade will be raised to-morrow; Congratulation."

To this message President Castro replied as follows:

"Bowen, Washington, D. C.—In the name of Venezuela and in my own name I offer you expressions of my eternal gratitude for the decided spontaneousness with which you have served the cause of justice, which is the cause of the humanity that distinguishes superior minds.

(Signed) "CASTRO."

Up to 9 o'clock this afternoon the British cruiser Tribune has received no orders with regard to raising the blockade.

The First Payment.

WASHINGTON, February 14.—In further explanation of the articles of the protocols signed last night by Mr. Bowen and the representatives of the allies here the following addendum was prepared and duly signed by all of the negotiators to-day:

"Our interpretation of the protocols was and is that the thirty per cent of the total income of the customs receipts of LaGuaira and Puerto Cabello shall begin to be set apart on the first day of March, 1903, and continue to be set apart the said month, and that the first payment will be due not the first of March but the first of April, 1903."

BERLIN, February 14.—The government is telegraphing instructions today for raising the blockade of the Venezuelan coast immediately. These instructions may not reach all the blockading vessels to-day, but it is expected that the blockade will be fully raised by to morrow or Monday, especially since Commodore Scheder has been expecting such instructions and had arranged for their prompt transmission.

HOMICIDE IN NORFOLK.

Benj Adams Died from Pistol Shot Wound Inflicted by His Brother.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 14.—Benjamin Adams, who was shot by his brother Percy in front of their West Norfolk home Thursday night, died at St. Vincent's hospital to-night from the wound.

The circumstances of the shooting were very pathetic. The dead man had been drinking heavily and entered a grocery store, where he secured a cleaver. After driving every one out of the place he started for home with the avowed intention of killing the family. In front of the house he met his brother Percy. The latter warned him to keep away, but Ben ran towards him with the cleaver uplifted. Percy drew a pistol and fired twice in the air. Instead of checking the frenzied man it only increased his fury and he continued towards the man with the gun who finally fired a bullet into the approaching brother. The ball lodged in the back after piercing the stomach and no hope was ever entertained. He exonerated his brother before dying.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Decision Involving Rates on Transportation of Grain from St. Louis, Mo.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day decided the case involving the rates and practices of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, in the transportation of grain to Vicksburg, Miss., shipped from or through St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis, Illinois. It is held that a published tariff regulation, permitting grain to be shipped through from point of origin to final destination with a stop-over privilege in East St. Louis for cleaning, sacking, or other legitimate purpose, the shipment covering a proportional or balance of a through rate from East St. Louis, is not shown to be objectionable in this case. The shipment, however, of grain to East St. Louis on a local rate and forwarding from there as a new shipment on a twelve cent proportional rate to Vicksburg and common points is objected to by the commission, as it disregards the higher thirteen cent local rate from East St. Louis to those destinations.

A DISCIPLE OF MRS. NATION.

Miss Blanche Boise Arrested at Topeka for Smashing Saloons.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TOPEKA, KAS., Feb. 14.—Plate glass window fronts of four of the finest Kansas Avenue saloons and of two drug stores were smashed to bits at an early hour this morning with an axe in the hands of Miss Blanche Boise, a disciple of Mrs. Nation. The damage will amount to hundreds of dollars. Miss Boise achieved notoriety some months ago by horsewhipping Mayor Harker and was in several raids in times past with Mrs. Nation. She gives as her excuse for her hatred of saloons that liquor ruined a favorite brother. She was arrested and placed in jail.

The statement of averages of the clearing house banks for the week (five business days) shows: Loans, $936,333,400; increase, $11,274,800; deposits, $952,310,100; increase, $12,130,000; circulation, $43,736,900; decrease, $438,800; legal tenders, $71,803,800, decrease $3,772,100; specie, $181,803,400; increase, $3,788,600; reserve, $253,607,300; increase, $16,500.

Supremacy of Mumm's Extra Dry.

One and a half millions of bottles of G. H. Mumm & Co.'s extra Dry Champagne were imported into this country last year, representing considerably over one-third of all the champagne imported, the next on the list being 407,304 bottles behind.

FATAL FIRE CAUSED BY NATURAL GAS.

One Person Cremated, Two Fatally Hurt and Two Seriously Injured—Seven Houses Burned—Loss $50,000

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 14.—One person was cremated, two fatally hurt, two others seriously injured and seven buildings destroyed in a fire which visited Tarentum, Pa., a village twelve miles north of here, to-day.

The names of the victims are: Ray Craig, aged 12 years, cremated while his father was trying to rescue him. Injured: D. J. Craig, burned about head, face, hands and body; also hurt while jumping from second story window; will die. Mrs. D. J. Craig, injured by jumping from windows; will recover. Hope Craig, aged 8 years, daughter of the Craigs, burned about face and body; also skull fractured by falling from second-story window; will die. Sherley Craig, daughter, aged 10 years, burned about face and body, right arm and leg broken by jumping from window; may die.

The fire had its origin in the Craig residence, which stands in about the middle of a block of frame houses on Fifth avenue. Each of the houses had the first floor occupied as a store, the living rooms being above and in the rear. Starting in the Craig house, three buildings on either side were completely destroyed.

When the Craig family was awakened the only escape was by the second story windows. Mrs. Craig dropped the girls from the windows while her husband tried to rescue their son. Before he could reach the boy the entire house was enveloped in flames and the parents were forced to abandon him and jump for their lives. The fire was caused by an over-pressure of natural gas. The property loss was about $50,000.

MURDER TRIAL IN KANSAS.

Mrs. Cummins a Witness Against Her Husband, Charged With Killing Anna Dishman, a Servant Girl.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WELLINGTON, KAS., Feb. 14.—In the trial of John Cummins, charged with the murder of Anna Dishman, a 13-year old servant girl, the defence sprang a surprise by stating that it would be proven that the murder was committed by the defendant's wife. It would be shown, the counsel for the defence asserted in his statement to the jury that Mrs. Cummins held an irresistible influence over her husband and that she had forced him to make a written confession of the crime to save her. Cummins, in his confession, said that he struck the girl on the head and then locked her in an outhouse, where she was left without attention until she died.

Mrs. Cummins was placed on the witness stand and created a sensation. Cummins in his confession, had said that he first buried the girl's body on his farm and later exhuming it had placed it on a hay stack and set the pile on fire.

Mrs. Cummins was asked why she told the officers about the murder, and she replied that before the body was burned, Cummins often begged her not to tell, but after the burning he became independent and she was afraid he would try to fasten the crime upon her.

"Then you want him punished?" asked the attorney.

"He ought to be hung," she shouted. "You were anxious to protect him then, were you not?"

Mrs. Cummins shot a quick glance at her husband and almost screamed in answer, "I did not hate him then, but I do now."

WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN.

Train Ran Into an Open Switch—Engineer and Fireman Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Train No. 33, the New York and Florida express, of the Southern Railway, ran into an open switch at Ravensworth, to-night. Fireman Walter Wigginton, colored, was killed and Engineer Thomas Purvis is missing. So far as known none of the passengers was seriously injured. The body of the fireman was recovered.

It is thought the switch was tampered with for the purpose of wrecking the train. The switch light was missing and the lock gone. A man who ran into the station at Burke's, two miles south of Ravensworth and told of the wreck, was detained as a suspect. His actions were those of a demented man. His name is unknown.

The train consisted of three sleepers, a mail car and a baggage car. Only the engine and mail car left the track. A wrecking train with physicians was sent from Alexandria, Va., to Ravensworth, which is eighteen miles south of Washington. The wrecked train left here at 9:55 P. M.

ICE-BOUND FISHERMEN.

United States Revenue Cutter Seminole Unable to Rescue Them.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 14.—The United States revenue cutter Seminole, Lieutenant Stureval commander, which left here at daylight this morning for Bay Islands to rescue ice-bound American fishermen, returned to the channel harbor this afternoon. She was unable to get around Cape Ray owing to the heavy northwest gale, accompanied by a snow storm, which blocked the ice against the land, making it impossible for the vessel to proceed to Bay Islands. She reports that the coast is tightly packed with heavy drift ice and that nothing can be done until the wind changes. The local ice navigators believe the Seminole will never succeed in her attempt to rescue the few American fishing schooners, laden with cargoes of herring, which have been frozen in the ice in Bay Islands since the latter part of January.

LONDON'S UNEMPLOYED.

Mass Meeting at Trafalgar Square—Was Rather Poorly Attended.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Feb. 14—A much advertised mass meeting of the unemployed of this city passed off very quietly at Trafalgar Square to-day. About 2,000 persons out of work were present, but the assemblage was entirely dwarfed by the aggregation of police and spectators. The meeting passed a resolution demanding work and declaring that the proposed investigation in the national food supply in time of war should not be undertaken till the government relieved the famine now existing in time of peace. The unemployed people are preparing a demonstration for February 17th, when the king will open Parliament.

A SENSATION IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Jno. H. Winder and Dan Hanna Charged With Assaulting a Member of Legislature.

WARRANTS FOR ARREST.

Representative Caldwell, Who Was Assaulted, Badly Hurt—The Accused Parties Said to Have Fled the State—Deny the Assault.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 14.—John H. Winder, general manager of the Kanawha and Hocking Coal Company, Dan Hanna, son of Senator Mark Hanna, and others, are charged with assaulting Hon. W. G Caldwell, a member of the Legislature from Ohio county, here early this morning while the latter was going home from the legislative ball in a cab. The other men had been at a club during the night, so it is charged. They were on their way to the Kanawha and Michigan depot and wanted a hack.

They hailed the hack in which Representative Caldwell was riding and attempted to enter it. Caldwell protested and said the hack was his. Winder and Hanna are said to have entered the hack and it is charged that Winder dealt Caldwell a hard blow in the face, rendering him unconscious. Representative Caldwell was thrown out of the hack and the others took charge of it. Caldwell was picked up by friends and taken to the hotel in a serious condition. Winder, Hanna and the others left on an early morning Kanawha and Michigan train for Columbus, O. A warrant for their arrest was sworn out by Caldwell and telegraphed to Point Pleasant, W. Va.

The affair has caused a very great sensation here and it is said that a requisition will be made on other States for the return of all the parties implicated.

Representative Caldwell is resting well under the care of physicians. He was badly hurt and may lose one eye. It is announced that the friends of John H. Winder, in the coal business here, secured countermanding of the messages for the arrest of the parties and that their private car went over the Ohio river bridge at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, unmolested. The warrants were sworn out by Captain J. B. White.

Winder represents the interests of J. P. Morgan in Ohio and West Virginia, and all the coal operators here pleaded to have the order of arrest rescinded. Winder is here frequently on business, but it was the first visit of Hanna and the others. It is stated that Caldwell's friends will offer a resolution in the House of Delegates, inquiring into the reasons for the Kanawha County officials countermanding the order for service of the warrants.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 14.—The private car bearing John H. Winter, general manager of the Kanawha and Hocking and the Sunday Creek Coal Companies, and Dan Hanna, son of Senator M. A. Hanna, reached Columbus from Charleston, W. Va., this afternoon. It was transferred to the Big Four and taken to Cleveland later. Mr. Hanna and his party stopped here an hour with John Winder and spent the time at his office in this city. Mr. Winder, when seen by an Associated Press agent and shown the story of the assault on Representative Caldwell at Charleston, W. Va., this morning, said the entire story was a falsehood, and that none of his party was connected with it whatever. "We did not even see Caldwell," said Winder. He stated that he had stopped in Charleston overnight and came to Columbus to-day.

Mr. Hanna told practically the same story. He said he never saw Caldwell at Charleston and was not at a banquet last night. "They evidently got our party mixed with another," said Hanna. "As far as the assault goes, I know nothing about it."

SENTENCES IMPOSED.

Upon the Former President and Teller of the Seventh National Bank.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 14.—Judge Thomas, in the United States District Court, to-day sentenced William H. Kimball, former president of the Seventh National Bank, to pay a fine of $5,000 for conviction of over-certification of checks drawn by H. Marquand & Co.

H. M. Rose, the former paying teller of the same bank, had sentence suspended. The fine was paid by Kimball.

The minimum penalty which could have been imposed was $5,000 fine or five years' imprisonment, or both.

In passing sentence Judge Thomas said that not the slightest moral turpitude had been found to attach to either defendant, nor was either shown to have made any personal gain. Rose was a teller doing what the president told him to. He was a man of good character and was retained by the bank.

U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY.

Bill to Prevent Hazing Introduced in the House of Representatives.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Representative Dick, of Ohio, to-day introduced a bill providing that the superintendent of the Naval Academy shall make such rules, subject to the approval of the secretary of the navy, as will effectually prevent the practice of hazing at the academy. The bill further provides that any midshipman found guilty of hazing shall be summarily expelled and shall not be eligible for re-appointment to the corps or as a commissioned officer in the army or navy until two years after the graduation of the class of which he was a member.

THE BULGARIAN TROUBLE.

Many Arrests Made—A Cordon Along the Macedonian Frontier.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SOFIA, BULGARIA, February 14—President Michaelovsky, of the Central Macedonian committee; General Zouthcheff, the vice president; President Stantcheff, of the Sarafoff-Macedonian committee, and many others have been arrested.

It is officially announced that the government has decided to dissolve the Macedonian committees in Bulgaria and place a strong military cordon along the Macedonian frontier, thus demonstrating Bulgaria's readiness to fulfil her international obligations.

A dose of Anways Croup Syrup given at first sign of croup will change that horrified expression on baby's face to a smile. It acts instantly, is harmless and is made for baby's coughs, colds and croup. 25 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendments to the Elkins anti-rebate bill. The bill now goes to the President.

Colonel J. Hampton Hoge died yesterday at his home, Roanoke, Va., aged 47 years. He had been ill with pneumonia since last Monday.

The Russian steamer Baron Driesen, Captain Laurent, from New Orleans for Constantinople, before reported put into St. Michaels, has arrived at Cadiz, with boilers damaged.

Mrs. Roosevelt is so much indisposed that she has been obliged to cancel all social engagements for a time. It is understood that her condition is not serious but she is in need of rest.

The New York *Evening Telegram* prints an interview with William J. Bryan in which Mr. Bryan says he would not be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next year.

Wilson P. Foss, of Haverstraw, N. Y., won the championship of the National Association of American Billiard Players in New York by defeating E. W. Gardner, of Passaic, N. J., by the score of 300 to 149.

The large payer and burlaps bag factory and warehouse of Sledge & Wells, in the southern portion of Memphis was completely destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at $75,000, with about $70,000 insurance.

Alf C. Whelan, the comedian, died at San Antonio, Texas, last night, after three weeks sickness from heart trouble. He came to San Antonio with the Floradora Company, in which he played "Professor Tweedlebunch."

The Kentucky Horse Breeders' Association has announced the conditions of the thirteenth renewal of the Kentucky futurity. One thousand dollars has been added to the stake, which for years has been the richest of the trotting turf. Its value this year is $22,000.

Three men were arrested in New York city yesterday, in two raids; one at 99 Nassau street and the other at 115 Nassau street, for alleged improper use of the mails. The men it is alleged are commission workers in "Progessive turf speculation" under the first name of Crawford and Company.

The jury in the case of Tomlinson vs. the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway Company, at Malvern, Ark., yesterday, returned a verdict for Mrs. Tomlinson for $30,000 for the accidental killing of Lieutenant Tomlinson, of Washington, D. C., at Little Rock, Ark., in 1894 by a switch engine of the defendant company.

A Manila dispatch says that a constabulary movement under Colonel Scott against the ladrones of Bulacan and Rizal provinces is imminent. Five companies of scouts have been ordered to participate in the operations The enemy has not yet been located, but it is considered probable that the expedition will encounter serious opposition.

The Senate Committee on Public Lands after an animated controversy decided to favorably report Senator Quarles' bill repealing the desert land law, the timber and stone entry law and the commutation provision of the homestead law, leaving only the straight five-year residence homestead law under which the public lands may be taken up for homes.

Miss Marion Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, was married in Washington, D. C., yesterday to Edson Fessenden Gallaudet, son of the president of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. Rev. Dr. T. Shamlin, of the Church of the Covenant, officiated. President Roosevelt and a notable party of other guests were present. The bridal couple will reside at Dayton, Ohio.

Hard on the Absent.

Flowery Young Clergyman (conducting a children's service while occupying a pulpit for a brother clergyman en route to Europe)—Well, children, I am very glad to be able to address you today. I'd a great deal rather talk to you children than to the older people, for I love children. But instead of talking to you I want to talk with you. So when I ask any questions, you may answer promptly. Now, children, what have we to be thankful for today?

Children—Flowers, birds, sunlight, church, school, homes.

Young Clergyman—All very well, children, very well. But whom do we miss today?

Children (viva voce)—Mr. Twitchell.

Young Clergyman—Quite right, children, quite right. We all miss Mr. Twitchell. Who can tell me where he is today?

Children—On the ocean.

Young Clergyman (poetically)—Yes, children, on the ocean and half seas over.

A Man and His Pension.

Mr. Ware, the commissioner of pensions, received a letter from a man in Illinois a few days ago which read:

"I am now getting a pension of $30 a month. Recently the Lord has prospered me, and I do not think I should get so much money. I gave my services to the country, and I think I should have some pension, of course, but I think $30 a month is too much. Is there any way I can have my pension reduced or suspended while I enjoy the prosperity that is mine at present?"

This is the only request for a reduction of pension ever received by the bureau. It was referred to the pension examiner in the district in which the man lived, who reported as follows:

"I have the honor to inform you that the person who applied for a reduction in his pension is now in the insane asylum at this place and has been for some time."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Advertisements in this Department bring good results. feb 14 tf

Boarders—Two young men, by rooming together, may obtain board in private family for $ 00 per week. W, care this office. feb 15 1t

Eggs for Hatching — Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks and Blue Andalusians; all from prize winning stock. Shadeland Dairy and Stock Farm, Wilmington, N. C. feb 15 9t*

For Sale—50 000 Lettuce Plants. Apply to W. E. Cromwell, Box 406, City P. O. feb 15 1t*

For Sale—One new Roll-Top Desk. Inquire at Bonita Hotel. feb 15 1t*

Cotton Sale—Will be sold by public outcry on the premises of the "Champion Compress Co." at Wilmington, N. C., on Wednesday, February 19th, at 3 P. M., 286 bales Sea Island Cotton landed ex steamship "Daventry," having been damaged by water. The above to be sold in lots not to exceed ten bales. C. B. Wheldon, Representing Underwriters. feb 14 4t

Cabbage, Cabbage—Just received. Car of fine Danish Cabbage. Also Bananas, Apples, Sweet and Irish Potatoes, Butter, &c. Both 'Phones. A. S. Winstead. feb 8 tf

To Exchange—I have a fine deer dog which I wish to exchange for a first-class opossum and coon dog Address John G Wagner, care F. W. Ortmann, Wilmington, N. C. jan 30 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs and Furniture repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. H. J. Ortman's headquarters for Wall Paper. J. S. Farrar, No. 6½ North Second street. my 16 tf

TO THE PUBLIC!

Having had a total loss by fire, of my entire stock of goods on the morning of February 11th, and the destruction of the building as well, I have opened my office at No. 113 North Front street, formerly occupied by The Murchison National Bank. Desirous of adjusting all my claims, I'll ask those indebted to me for the prompt payment of their accounts. This is absolutely necessary in order that I may again resume business Thanking a generous public for past patronage, I am respectfully,

A. D. BROWN.

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A SALE

—OF—

SMALL THINGS!

Ladies' beautiful embroidered Collars, not 10c, but 5c each.

A special line of pretty new Belts at 25 and 50c.

A nice card of Ladies' Pearl set Brooches at 5c each.

Mother of Pearl Brooches, very handsome, at 50c each.

A very pretty line of Brooches, assorted, at 10c each.

A job lot of Pearl Buttons at 2c doz. Whale Bone at 3c doz.

Best Hump Hook and Eyes at 3c card. Cheap Hook and Eyes at 1c.

John J. Clark's Spool Cotton at 3c. Colored Dragon Cotton at 1c. A 6 oz bottle Machine Oil 5c.

The best antiseptic high flavored Crushed Rose and Violet Talcum Powder at 10c box.

Bailey's Talcum Powder at 4c a box. Powdered Medicated Jelly at 10c.

A splendid 8-inch rubber comb at 5c.

A job lot wool skirt Braid at 2c. Good Writing Paper at 10c. pound. Beautiful box Paper at 10c. box.

Lace Applique Trimming at 2c. yard. Torchon Lace, 2 in. wide, at 3c. yard.. Torchon Lace, one half in. wide, 1c. yard.

No. 40 Taffeta Ribbons, in all colors, at 10c. yard. No. 50 Fancy Ribbons, in all colors, at 10c. yard.

Fast edge black Velvet Ribbon, No. 1, at 18c. bunch, full measure.

Smyrna Door Rug at 23c.

Perfection Oil Heater, warranted smokeless and odorless, at $5 each.

Men's Mackintosh Coats at $1.39 each.

Boy's Chambray Waists at 25c. each.

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